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- WO 00/67663 A1 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification.
- DE 199 45 299 A1 as discussed on Page 6 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached.

- FR 2 744 906 A1 discloses a repair panel for abdominal hernia surgery. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1, 3, 4 and 11, under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 2 and 6-9 and further cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 5 and 10. No full translation is available at this time,

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- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0212460 A1.
- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0001690 A1.
- WO 96/03091 A1 discloses a surgical product and its use. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claim 7.
- DE 198 32 634 A1 discloses a multilayer flat implant especially for hernia treatment.

The reference has ben cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 8 and 9. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0013590 A1.
- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/171823 A1.

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